

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Civil Action 2:14-cv-282  
Judge Sargus  
Magistrate Judge

JOHN L. KOCH, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

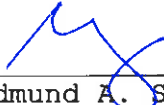
This case was filed on March 10, 2014. Service of process has not been effected on defendants. The United States Magistrate Judge ordered plaintiff to show cause why the action should not be dismissed. Order, ECF 4. After plaintiff made no response to that Order, the Magistrate Judge recommended that the action be dismissed pursuant to Rule 4(m) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Report and Recommendation, ECF 5. Although plaintiff was advised of its right to object to that recommendation, plaintiff has not objected. The Court will consider the matter *de novo*. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b).

Because plaintiff has not effected service of process within the time required by Rule 4(m) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the claims asserted in this action must be dismissed.

The Report and Recommendation, ECF 5, is **ADOPTED AND AFFIRMED**.

This action is **DISMISSED**, without prejudice.

The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to enter **FINAL JUDGMENT**.

 9-10-2014  
Edmund A. Sargus, Jr., JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT